



STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Memorandum

To: Rick Thompson
Executive Secretary

Thru: Kay Baker **KB**
Deputy Executive Secretary

From: Tom Plank **TEP**

Date: March 4, 2008

Re: In the Matter of Ellie Morris
Case No. PC2008-0020
Recommendation for Dismissal

Pursuant to SEC Rule 189-2-.03(5), it is recommended that this matter be administratively dismissed because the evidence does not support finding a violation of the Ethics in Government Act (Act). The allegations and findings are summarized herein.

On January 22, 2008, Respondent paid \$450 in late fees and thereby eliminated any outstanding debt with the Commission. Unaware of this fact, the Commission voted on January 24, 2008, to open a Probable Cause investigation of Respondent for having unpaid late fees. However, in light of the fact that Respondent satisfied his debt of late fees prior to the Commission's finding of Probable Cause at the January 24, 2008, Commission Meeting, this matter should be administratively dismissed.

Based upon the foregoing analysis, Commission it is recommended that this case be administratively dismissed pursuant to SEC Rule 189-2-.03(5).